



MUNICIPALITY OF NORTH MIDDLESEX REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

The Regular Meeting of the Council of the Municipality of North Middlesex was held on Wednesday December 2, 2015 in the Council Chambers, Shared Services Centre, 229 Parkhill Main Street, Parkhill with a quorum present.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Mayor called the meeting to Order at 6:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Present:

Mayor Don Shipway

Deputy Mayor Brian Ropp

Councillor Ward One Doreen McLinchey

Councillor Ward Two Joan Nichol

Councillor Ward Three Gord Moir

Councillor Ward Four Andrew Hemming

Councillor Ward Five Adrian Cornelissen

CAO, Marsha Paley

Clerk, Jackie Tiedeman

Acting Treasurer Debbie Jonah

3. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None at this time

4. CLOSED MEETING (Under Section 239 of the Municipal Act)

MOTION #358/2015

MCLINCHEY/NICHOL: That the regular meeting adjourn to Closed Meeting at 6:00 p.m. for the following purpose:

a. Personal Matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees-Organizational/Operational Review-Elizabeth Hill, Pesce and Associates HR

CARRIED

5. RISE AND REPORT

Council rose at 7:00 p.m. with no report

** A special presentation was made by Hydro One in the amount of \$25,000 to be allocated towards the Ailsa Craig park upgrade project. Mayor Shipway, Deputy Mayor Ropp, Ward Councillor Joan Nichol and Facilities Manager Scott Nickles accepted the donation on behalf of the Municipality.

6. MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETINGS

a. Regular Meeting Minutes – November 18, 2015

MOTION #360/2015

ROPP/HEMMING: That the regular meeting minutes dated November 18, 2015, as amended be accepted.

CARRIED

7. PUBLIC MEETING

The Clerk then proceeded with the review of the draft procedural by-law. Highlights of the proposed additions and revisions were identified. It was noted that the public commenting period does not end until December 24. A report to Council will be prepared along with a finalized by-law for consideration on January 20, 2016.

8. DELEGATION

Darren Ferguson requested to attend Council to ask for consideration on establishing a committee of council for the purpose of bringing together a group of stakeholders to come up with solutions regarding what is happening at NMDHS. He indicated that the elementary schools need to be considered in these discussions as well so that the same enrollment decline does not occur at this level.

He felt this committee could work along with Council and the Economic Development Committee to strategize on ways to promote what the municipality has to offer.

After considerable discussion on this matter the following motion was introduced:

MOTION #361/2015

ROPP/MCLINCHEY: That Council establishes a Committee of Council, with clerical support, regarding local school matters.

CARRIED

MOTION #362/2015

CORNELISSEN/HEMMING: That the following be appointed as council representatives to the school committee: Councillor G. Moir, Councillor J. Nichol and Councillor D. McLinchey.

CARRIED

9. PASSING OF ACCOUNTS

a. Report on the compilation of bills and accounts to November 25, 2015

MOTION #363/2015

MCLINCHEY/ROPP: That the following bills and accounts be approved for payment:

General	\$1,412,079.78
Ontario Hydro	\$ 8,435.70

CARRIED

The Facilities Manager was asked to look into the costs associated with purchasing hot water heaters in buildings that currently have rental units.

10. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

None

11. COMMITTEE REPORTS

None.

12. CORRESPONDENCE

a.ABCA – Shoreline Management Plan Update Project
(action: receive and file)

b. Head, Clara and Maria Township – Dissolution of Local Emergency Response Board and Request for Services
(action: receive and file)

c.Champlain Township –Review of the new OPP billing model

MOTION #364/2015

CORNELISSEN/MOIR: The Council of the Municipality of North Middlesex hereby supports the resolution from Champlain Township as follows:

“Whereas the Minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services (MCSCS) announced at the August 2013 meeting of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario that, in response to municipal concerns, the OPP and the Ministry were developing a new, simplified billing model for OPP municipal police services;

Whereas this proposed new billing model would be based on principles of fairness and transparencies with the intent to provide fair and transparent cost recovery;

Whereas the mandate to develop this new billing model did not include examination and review of expenditures in order to reduce the costs of OPP services per household;

Whereas the new billing model was implemented in 2015 and will be phased in over a three (3) year period;

Whereas the Township of Champlain’s 2015 OPP Services invoice was \$1,387,765, an of \$167,249 over 2014;

Whereas the 2016 OPP invoice for Champlain Township increases another \$196,769 to a total of \$1,584,534;

Be It Resolved That the Township of Champlain request that the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services (MCSCS) review and reconsider the new OPP billing model and implement a more equitable formula including an in-depth review of the current expenditures in order to reduce the cost per household.

Be It Further Resolved That this resolution be forwarded the Premier of Ontario, Minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services, Ministry of Finance, AMO, Grant Crack, MPP Glengarry-Prescott-Russell, and to all municipalities serviced by the OPP.

CARRIED

d. Ministry of Finance – Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund program allocations for 2016.

(action: receive and file)

Mayor Shipway advised council that the County is forwarding a letter to the Ministry outlining their dissatisfaction with the loss of funding and that the lower tier

municipalities were welcome to use their letter as a template.

e. Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services – short term accommodation request.

(action: receive and file)

f. Thank You Card for volunteer recognition event

(action: receive and file)

g. C. Robert Robinson response to agricultural drains crossing roads

Municipal staff, including Glen Bullock, Drainage Superintendent and Brad Davies, Public Works Manager, were both present at this meeting to answer questions from Council on this matter. There was considerable discussion and as a result the following motion was introduced:

MOTION #365/2015

ROPP/NICHOL: That Council concurred that the current guidelines staff is required to follow is appropriate. Council also acknowledged that Mr. Robinson, as a contractor, hired by private landowners to install drainage, has the right to submit a petition for Municipal Drainage Works under the *Drainage Act*.

MOTION #366/2015

CORNELISSEN/MCLINCHEY: That the correspondence package a-g be accepted with actions as noted.

CARRIED

13. OTHER BUSINESS

a) Addition to Agenda – HVAC Unit for Ailsa Craig Recreation Centre

MOTION #367/2015

MOIR/HEMMING: That Council approves the cost in the amount of approximately \$18,000.00 for a heating and cooling unit for the Ailsa Craig Recreation Centre to be funded from the Working Funds Reserve so that the work can be completed as soon as possible.

CARRIED

Councillor Moir relayed that Sundip Bajaj is still interested in a housing development in North Middlesex. He will hopefully be in touch with the municipal soon.

Councillor McLinchey reported that she had attended the recent Ontario Southwest Conference in London. She attended a very informative session regarding the Building Code and associated municipal responsibilities. It was highly recommended that a building reserve fund be established and maintained for the future. The Acting Treasurer was asked to provide Council with a report on how the revenue in this department had been allocated with respect to the Bornish project and to provide options for setting up a reserve. An example used at the session referred to the Elliot Lake mall collapse and how this is impacting their Municipality.

Deputy Mayor Ropp then reported that at the recent Emergency Management Meeting, the same example was used. It was stressed about the importance of note taking for the municipality but also as a councillor.

14. CLOSED MEETING (under Section 239 of the Municipal Act)

MOTION #368/2015

CORNELISSEN/MCLINCHEY: That the regular meeting adjourn to Closed Meeting at 8:45 p.m. for the following purposes:

- a. Security of Property of the Municipality – Fire Update Van Osh Farm, Fire Service Agreement Status and Shared Services Building landscaping (discussion on unapproved budget)
- b. Proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the Municipality – Kerwood Road Property, Nairn Rink Agreement
- c. Labour Relations or employee negotiations – Winter/Seasonal staff
- d. Minutes August 12, September 2, October 7 and 21

CARRIED

15. RISE AND REPORT

Curfew was waived during Closed Meeting

Council rose from the Closed Meeting at 10:55 p.m. with the following recommendations:

MOTION #369/2015

CORNELISSEN/MOIR: That the Council of the Municipality of North Middlesex supports a Contract/Agreement with Lambton Shores for the Arkona Fire Station to provide Rescue and/or Suppression Services with the following terms and conditions:

- a) Automatic Aid Basis
- b) Same Service Area

- c) M.T.O. rates (at the current published rate)
- d) After the first hour the services would revert to "Mutual Aid"
- e) That an annual retainer be paid in the amount of \$5,000.00
- f) The agreement would not have an expiry date other than 12 months notice from either municipality

And further that the C.A.O. work with Lambton Shores to prepare a Contract/Agreement to be presented to Council for final passing by by-law at a future Council Meeting;

And further that the North Middlesex Council would like a formal reply to this proposal no later than January 31, 2016.

CARRIED

Council also gave verbal direction to staff that a letter be forwarded to the residents regarding the status of the Lambton Shores fire service agreement.

MOTION #370/2015

CORNELISSEN/ROPP: That the minutes from August 12, September 2, October 7 and 21, 2015 be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

MOTION #371/2015

HEMMING/NICHOL: That Council direct that no overtime hours for Management be paid out in cash.

CARRIED

MOTION #372/2015

NICHOL/ROPP: That Council authorize the new internal appointment of staff to Road Patrol;

That a job description be developed which shall include the cleanup and inventory at the shops that is required to be done;

That the position be for a defined time period of December 1 to March 31;

That layoff occur prior to any internal department transfer; and

That the new road patrol staff actively pursue a DZ Licence.

A recorded vote was then conducted as requested:

Councillor Adrian Cornelissen – Nay

Councillor Andrew Hemming – Nay

Councillor Doreen McLinchey – Nay

Councillor Gord Moir – Yay

Councillor Joan Nichol - Yay

Deputy Mayor Brian Ropp – Yay
Mayor Don Shipway – Nay

The motion was therefore DEFEATED.

16. READING OF BY-LAWS

- a. By-law #83 of 2015 – A By-law to establish sewer rates for Wards 1,2,4 for 2016
- b. By-law #84 of 2015 – A By-law to authorize the execution of the Nairn Rink Agreement with the East Williams Optimist
- c. By-law #85 of 2015 – Confirming By-law

MOTION #373/2015

HEMMING/MOIR: That By-law #83,84,85 of 2015 be read a first and second time
CARRIED

MOTION #374/2015

NICHOL/MCLINCHEY: That By-law #83,84,85 of 2015 be read a third and final time.
CARRIED

15. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION #375/2015

ROPP/MCLINCHEY: That the meeting adjourn at 11:12 p.m.
CARRIED

MAYOR

CLERK